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Attached is an Examiner's Amendment to correct the specification such that cancelled claims are no longer referred to in the specification.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Darren Crew (Reg. No. 37,806) on May 16, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In page 17, lines 16-17 of the specification, delete "claim 1 or 2" and insert --the first embodiment--.

In page 18, lines 3-4 of the specification, delete "claim 3" and insert --the first embodiment--.

Delete the paragraph in page 18, line 10 – page 19, line 2 of the specification.

On page 19, lines 3-4, delete "claim 5" and insert --the second embodiment--.

On page 19, line 15, insert --the second embodiment of-- between "and" and "the present invention".

On page 19, lines 16-17, delete "for the case of claims 1 and 2" and insert --as the first embodiment--.

Delete the paragraph in page 19, lines 18-22 of the specification.

Examiner notes this examiner's amendment does not affect the number of allowed claims nor the reasons for allowance, as recited in Notice of Allowance mailed

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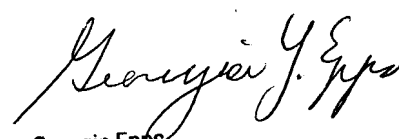
March 9, 2007. Therefore, the allowed claims and the reasons for allowance are maintained.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suez Ellis whose telephone number is (571) 272-2868. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5pm (Monday-Friday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on (571) 272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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